Median rent is an indicator of affordability. If rent is increasingly greatly, that can be an indicator of lack of affordability. In district 23B, rent increased 8% between 2013 and 2018. The district saw the 49th highest rent increase out of 134 districts.

Median renter income is an indicator of what people can afford for rent. If incomes stay flat or decline, it can be an indication that cost burden is increasing. In District 23B, renter income increased 4% between 2013 and 2018. The district ranked 101st of 134 in terms of renter income increase.

The income needed to afford rent -- $28,520 -- is greater than the median renter income in the district. With a gap of $-5,446, rent in District 23B is affordable.

Cost-burdened renters pay 30% or more of their income on rent and an estimated 1,039 District 23B residents may have to sacrifice education, food, and medicine to afford a place to live. For highest cost burden, the district ranked 118th.

District 23B ranked 114th out of 134 for the percentage of seniors struggling to afford housing.

Severe cost burden means a family is paying 50% or more of their income on housing. District 23B was the 103rd highest of 134.

People of color and indigenous people are more likely to be renters and less likely to own their own home. They are also much more likely to experience cost burden.


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HOMEOWNER STATISTICS

**REGIONAL DATA**

**Top jobs & income in the Southwest Region***

- **Income needed to afford median rent**: $28,520
- **Income needed to afford median home**: $47,130

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**Homelessness in the Southern Region***

- **Number of Homeless on a given night in 2018**: 589
- **Change in Homelessness 2015 to 2018**: 3%
- **# of homeless kids**: 240
- **# of homeless seniors**: 41

Without reliable shelter, productive work, progress at school and positive health outcomes are extremely difficult. Just a few decades ago, homelessness didn’t exist – and Minnesota has made strides in recent years, with a 9% reduction from 2012 to 2015.

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**HOMEOWNER STATISTICS**

- **Median Home Value 2013**: $162,972
- **Median Home Value 2018**: $157,100

In District 23B, median home values have decreased in the last 5 years. In terms of home value increase, 23B was ranked 126th out of 134.

- **Median Owner Income 2013**: $70,214
- **Median Owner Income 2018**: $71,935

Homeowner income has increased in the last 5 years. The district ranked 112th out of 134.

**Cost Burdened Owners**

- **Percent Cost Burdened**: 22%
- **Change in Cost Burden**: -6%

Cost-burdened owners pay 30% or more of their income on housing and an estimated 2,210 residents of District 23B may have to sacrifice education, food, and medicine to afford a place to live. For highest cost burden, the district ranked 83rd.

**Cost Burdened Seniors**

- **Senior Cost Burden**: 22%

District 23B ranked 94th out of 134 for the percentage of seniors struggling to afford their homes.

**% Owners that are POCI**

- **Owners**: 4%
- **Renters**: 15%

People of color and indigenous people are less likely to own their home, a key to building wealth.

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* MN DEED region and Wilder Foundation region boundaries differ.